

HOUSE BILL NO. 2246

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on _____
on _____)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute--Delegates Cordoza and Scott, P.A. [HB 1868])

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-740, 46.2-741, 46.2-742.4, 46.2-743, 46.2-744, 46.2-746.1, 46.2-746.2:2, 46.2-746.2:3, 46.2-746.2:4, 46.2-746.2:6, 46.2-746.3, 46.2-746.5, and 46.2-749.46 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates; military service; unremarried surviving spouses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-740, 46.2-741, 46.2-742.4, 46.2-743, 46.2-744, 46.2-746.1, 46.2-746.2:2, 46.2-746.2:3, 46.2-746.2:4, 46.2-746.2:6, 46.2-746.3, 46.2-746.5, and 46.2-749.46 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-740. Special license plates for survivors of Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a survivor of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to the applicant.

The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this section.

Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

§ 46.2-741. Special license plates for survivors of attack on Pearl Harbor; fees.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is an honorably discharged former member of one of the armed forces of the United States and, while serving in the armed forces of the United States, was present during the attack on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of 7:55 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates identifying the vehicle as registered to a Pearl Harbor survivor.

27 For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition
28 to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of ten dollars at the time the plates are issued.

29 The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license
30 plates issued under this section.

31 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
32 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

33 **§ 46.2-742.4. Special license plates for persons awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.**

34 On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant has been awarded the Combat
35 Infantryman Badge, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

36 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
37 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

38 **§ 46.2-743. Special license plates for active duty members of the armed forces of the United**
39 **States and certain veterans; fees.**

40 A. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is an honorably discharged
41 former member of one of the armed forces of the United States, the Commissioner shall issue to the
42 applicant special license plates. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special
43 license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.

44 B. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has
45 been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, or has retired from the United
46 States Marine Corps, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design
47 incorporates an emblem of the United States Marine Corps. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons
48 eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates
49 under this subsection.

50 C. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has
51 been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, or has retired from the United
52 States Army, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design
53 incorporates an emblem of the United States Army. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to

54 receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this
55 subsection.

56 D. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has
57 been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, or has retired from the United
58 States Coast Guard, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design
59 incorporates an emblem of the United States Coast Guard. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons
60 eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates
61 under this subsection.

62 E. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has
63 been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, or has retired from the United
64 States Navy, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design
65 incorporates an emblem of the United States Navy. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to
66 receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this
67 subsection. The annual fee for plates issued pursuant to this subsection shall be \$25 in addition to the
68 prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations
69 pursuant to this subsection, \$15 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting
70 fund known as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund established within the Department of
71 Accounts. These funds shall be paid annually to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and used to support
72 its operation and programs in Virginia. All other fees imposed under the provisions of this subsection shall
73 be paid to, and received by, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles and paid by him into
74 the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary expenses incurred by the
75 Department of Motor Vehicles.

76 F. All special license plates that have been developed and issued pursuant to subsection B, C, D,
77 or E shall also be issued to applicants who can provide documentation from the U.S. Department of
78 Veterans Affairs indicating that the applicant has been designated disabled, and that his disability is
79 service-connected, and that he has been honorably discharged from a branch of the armed forces of the
80 United States.

81 G. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of World War
82 II, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of World War II. For each set of license
83 plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of
84 state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued. Unremarried surviving spouses
85 of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license
86 plates under this subsection.

87 H. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the Korean
88 War, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of the Korean War. Unremarried
89 surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be
90 issued special license plates under this subsection.

91 I. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the Vietnam
92 War, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of the Vietnam War. Unremarried
93 surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be
94 issued special license plates under this subsection.

95 J. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the Asiatic-
96 Pacific Campaign, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of that campaign. For
97 each set of license plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the
98 prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued. Unremarried
99 surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be
100 issued special license plates under this subsection.

101 K. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation
102 Iraqi Freedom, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
103 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection
104 may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.

105 L. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation
106 Enduring Freedom, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of Operation Enduring

107 Freedom. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
108 subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.

109 M. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of the Virginia
110 Defense Force, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the Virginia Defense
111 Force. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
112 subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.

113 N. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation
114 Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans
115 of those military operations. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license
116 plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.

117 O. The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and B 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued
118 under subsections G, H, J, K, L, M, and N.

119 **§ 46.2-744. Special license plates for members of National Guard; fees.**

120 On receipt of an application and written confirmation that the applicant is a member of the National
121 Guard, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

122 No fee shall be charged for license plates issued under this section to a member of the Virginia
123 National Guard for any one motor vehicle owned and used personally by the applicant, unless the plates
124 bear reserved numbers or letters as provided for in § 46.2-726. In this latter case, the fee for the issuance
125 of license plates shall be the same as for those issued under § 46.2-726. For each additional set of license
126 plates issued to an applicant under this section, the Commissioner shall charge the prescribed fee for state
127 license plates.

128 The fee for members of non-Virginia National Guard units shall be ten dollars per year plus the
129 prescribed cost for state license plates, unless the plates bear reserved numbers or letters as provided for
130 in § 46.2-726. In this latter case, such license plates shall be subject to an additional charge of ten dollars
131 per year for the reserved numbers or letters.

132 The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license
133 plates issued under this section.

134 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
135 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

136 **§ 46.2-746.1. Special license plates for members of military assault forces.**

137 On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is or has been, while serving
138 in the armed forces of the United States, a member of a military assault force, the Commissioner shall
139 issue to the applicant special license plates. For the purposes of this section, a military assault force is a
140 unit or element of the armed forces of the United States engaged in or charged with the invasion or capture
141 of territory under the control of enemy forces.

142 The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license
143 plates issued under this section.

144 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
145 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

146 **§ 46.2-746.2:2. Special license plates; members and former members of the 173rd Airborne**
147 **Brigade.**

148 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
149 member or former member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant
150 special license plates.

151 The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license
152 plates issued under this section.

153 No license plates shall be issued under this section unless and until a one-time fee of \$3,500 shall
154 have been paid to the Commissioner.

155 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
156 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

157 **§ 46.2-746.2:3. Members and former members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard).**

158 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
159 member or former member of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard), the Commissioner shall issue
160 special license plates to members and former members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard).

161 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
162 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

163 **§ 46.2-746.2:4. Members of the Special Forces Association; fee.**

164 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
165 member of the Special Forces Association, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license
166 plates.

167 The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued
168 under this section.

169 No license plates provided for in this section shall be issued unless and until the Commissioner
170 receives at least 50 prepaid applications therefor and payment of a one-time fee of \$3,500, less the total
171 amount of \$10 annual fees collected from the prepaid applications received.

172 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
173 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

174 **§ 46.2-746.2:6. Special license plates; members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United**
175 **States organization.**

176 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
177 member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States organization, the Commissioner shall issue
178 special license plates to the applicant.

179 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
180 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

181 **§ 46.2-746.3. Special license plates for members or veterans of certain military reserve**
182 **organizations.**

183 The Commissioner, on application therefor, shall issue special license plates to members or
184 veterans of the Air Force Reserve, the Army Reserve, the Coast Guard Reserve, the Marine Reserve, and
185 the Naval Reserve. Such special license plates may, when feasible, bear decals or stickers identifying the
186 reserve organization of which the applicant is or was a member.

187 The provisions of subdivision B 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this
188 section.

189 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
190 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

191 **§ 46.2-746.5. Special license plates for National Guard retirees; fees.**

192 On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a retired member of the
193 National Guard, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to National Guard retirees.

194 No fee shall be charged for license plates issued under the provisions of this section to retired
195 members of the Virginia National Guard.

196 The fee for non-Virginia National Guard retirees shall be \$10 per year plus the prescribed cost for
197 state license plates, unless the plates bear reserved numbers or letters as provided for in § 46.2-726. In this
198 latter case, such license plates shall be subject to an additional charge of \$10 per year for the reserved
199 numbers or letters.

200 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
201 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

202 **§ 46.2-749.46. Special license plates; naval aviators.**

203 On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is or has been a naval aviator,
204 the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

205 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
206 section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

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